

REFERENCE TITLE: county retiree health insurance

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Introduced by  
Representative Konopnicki

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 11-263, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COUNTY RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 11-263, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 11-263. Authorization to procure insurance for county employees  
5 and dependents; expenditure of public funds; employee  
6 payments; retired county employees; group health and  
7 accident coverage

8 A. The board of supervisors may adopt a system of insurance for the  
9 benefit of county elected officials and employees. The board may procure  
10 health, life, accident and disability insurance for the benefit of ~~such~~ THESE  
11 elected officials and employees from any insurer licensed to do business in  
12 ~~the~~ THIS state ~~of Arizona~~ and pay the whole or any part of the premiums ~~upon~~  
13 ~~such~~ ON THE insurance from public funds. Public funds shall not be spent for  
14 life insurance in excess of fifty thousand dollars or the amount of the  
15 salary annually paid to the elected official or employee, whichever is  
16 more. The board may procure health and accident coverage for the dependents  
17 of ~~such~~ THE elected officials and employees and pay all or any part of the  
18 premium ~~upon~~ ON the insurance from public funds. The board may deduct from  
19 the compensation of ~~such~~ THE employees and elected officials, and apply to  
20 the payment of ~~such~~ THE premiums, that part ~~thereof~~ OF THE PREMIUMS  
21 determined by the board to be payable by the employees and elected officials.  
22 ~~Such~~ THE deductions shall be made only from those employees and elected  
23 officials who have voluntarily agreed in writing to participate in the  
24 program.

25 B. The board of supervisors may enter into agreements to establish  
26 group health and accident coverage for former county employees who are  
27 retired and receiving income from a retirement program of this state and  
28 their dependents. The agreements may provide that all or any portion of the  
29 former employees or their dependents may be grouped with officers and  
30 employees of the county or their dependents as necessary to obtain health and  
31 accident coverage at favorable rates.

32 C. The ARIZONA state retirement system board ~~is authorized to~~ MAY  
33 enter into agreements with retired county employees who elect to obtain the  
34 coverage provided in subsection B. ~~Such~~ THE agreements may include provision  
35 for the deduction from the retirement benefits of participants of a  
36 retirement program of this state who elect to obtain ~~such~~ THE coverage of  
37 amounts sufficient to pay for the premium and administrative expense of  
38 providing ~~such~~ THE coverage.

39 ~~D.— Public funds shall not be expended to pay all or any part of the~~  
40 ~~premium of insurance pursuant to subsection B, except that in a county with a~~  
41 ~~population of more than three hundred thousand persons, public funds may be~~  
42 ~~expended to pay all or any part of the premium of insurance pursuant to~~  
43 ~~subsection B.~~